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**To:** DOT STIP  
**Subject:** STIP comments

To Whom It May Concern:

Operating Engineers Local 302 -- representing more than 10,000 rank-and-file members -- strongly supports the continued funding of the Lynn Canal Highway Project, which we believe is the most important project in this amendment. However, we would like to see the funding brought forward so that the project is completed within five years. The Lynn Canal Highway will save the state and its users more money than any other project, but those savings won't begin until it is complete. That's why we support completion in five years.

The Lynn Canal Highway could be financed by the costs it saves each year. This could be easily demonstrated if the STIP included a separate category of what each project will cost or save the state in annual operating costs. Therefore, we urge that this new category be added to STIP.

Thank you for your consideration.

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